

Application form to request a Potato Farm-Saved Seed Agreement and Grower Code

To request a Potato Farm-Saved Seed Agreement, please complete this form with the information requested below and return it to BSPB in the enclosed self-addressed envelope (no postage required).

Alternatively email the information requested to potatoes@bspb.co.uk or telephone us with the information on 01353 653844.

Company trading name

Address

Postcode

Contact telephone number

Email

PFA scheme varieties planned to be purchased in 2013

BSPB Account reference number if known

(you will find this on your declaration for or any other correspondence received from BSPB, the number begins with a W)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL POTATO GROWERS

POTATO FARM-SAVED SEED AGREEMENT

For selected potato varieties, a number of potato breeders are introducing the Potato Farm-Saved Seed Agreement – or PFA – from spring 2013.

BSPB will administer the PFA scheme on breeders' behalf, acting as agent.

Why are breeders introducing a new scheme?

The objective of the new scheme is to improve transparency and compliance in the collection of royalties on farm-saved seed (FSS) in the potato sector, so protecting investment for the future development of improved potato varieties. Continued investment and innovation by potato breeders is essential, not only to help growers meet the requirements of a dynamic and changing market place, but also to address new climatic, agronomic and environmental challenges.

How will the scheme operate?

The PFA scheme provides an alternative option for breeders and growers, operating alongside the existing FSS collection system. Under the new scheme, growers wishing to purchase seed of PFA scheme varieties are invited to sign a three-year agreement (PFA) and be assigned a unique and non-transferable grower code. This will entitle the grower to purchase seed of any PFA scheme variety, under the breeders' individual PFA terms and conditions for the variety.

The PFA is a simple agreement under which the grower accepts that he will:

- Declare promptly the area planted with PFA scheme varieties to BSPB and make the FSS royalty payments due each year
- Maintain full records of all PFA scheme varieties, available for inspection by BSPB
- Not sell, barter, exchange or otherwise transfer seed of PFA scheme varieties.

A sample PFA can be found enclosed with this leaflet.

How will I declare and pay for farm-saved seed use of varieties in the PFA scheme?

All growers will receive a single standard form from BSPB on which to declare their FSS use of all potato varieties. The form will be issued annually in November for declarations of FSS use in the preceding planting period (1 December to 30 September).

The declaration may be completed on the paper form, online, by email to potatoes@bspb.co.uk or by telephoning 01353 653844. BSPB will calculate the payment due for all the varieties declared and invoice accordingly. Payment must be made within 28 days.



Which varieties will be included in the scheme?

The following varieties are included in the PFA scheme for certified seed sales from spring 2013:

Accord (P)	Burren (I)	Emma (I)	Milva (A)	Rudolph (A)
Agria (A)	Cabaret (C)	Excalibur (C)	Mustang (A)	Sante (A)
Almera (A)	Camelot (I)	Flair (A)	Navan (C)	Savanna (I)
Ambassador (A)	Carnaval (I)	Fontane (A)	Nectar (I)	Saxon (C)
Ambo (I)	Carolus (A)	Galactica (I)	Nieta (C)	Setanta (I)
Anna (I)	Casablanca (C)	Gemson (G)	Orla (I)	Shannon (I)
Arizona (A)	Champion (A)	Gourmandine (A)	Performer (A)	Slaney (I)
Arrow (A)	Chicago (C)	Isle of Jura (C)	Picasso (A)	Toluca (A)
Arsenal (A)	Colleen (I)	Lionheart (C)	Pink Gypsy (C)	Volare (A)
Bambino (C)	Cosmos (A)	Madeleine (A)	Riviera (A)	
Barna (I)	Destiny (A)	Malin (I)	Rocket (C)	
Bonnie (C)	Druid (I)	Manitou (A)	Romeo (I)	
Bounty (C)	Electra (I)	Markies (A)	Rubesse (C)	

What are the FSS payment rates for the varieties in the PFA scheme?

Commercial terms for the purchase of PFA scheme varieties and payment rates for subsequent FSS use are set independently by each breeder for each PFA scheme variety. This information is available from your seed merchant or directly from the breeder.

Contact details for the breeders are:

Agrico (A)	Archie Gibson	Agrico UK Ltd, Castleton of Eassie, By Glamis, Forfar DD8 1SJ Tel: 01307 840551 Mob: 07808 897 040 Email: archiegibson@agrico.co.uk
Cygnets Potato Breeders (C)	Douglas Harley	www.cygnetspb.com
Grampian Growers (G)	David Murdie	Tel: 01674 832022 Mob: 07802 534 454 Email: david.murdie@grampiangrowers.co.uk
IPM (I)	Graeme Prentice	IPM Ltd, Q House Sandyford, 76 Furze Road, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Dublin 18 Tel: 0131 662 6525 Mob: 07712 751 266 Email: graeme@ipmengland.co.uk www.ipm.ie
Potato Innovations (P)	Peter Patrick	Tel: 01263 710602 Email: peterpatrick@potato-innovations.com

BSPB will notify growers annually of the FSS payment rates for the following planting period for all protected varieties that the grower purchased as certified seed in the previous year.

Information about FSS payment rates for other varieties is available on request from your seed merchant, from BSPB, using the contact details at the end of this leaflet, or from the breeder of the relevant variety (as previous page).

What do I do if I am growing varieties that are not in the PFA Scheme?

For all other potato varieties eligible for FSS payment, the usual arrangements for FSS declaration and payment remain in place and BSPB will continue to administer the collection of royalties on behalf of the breeders.

You should declare all farm-saved seed use to BSPB of both PFA scheme varieties and varieties in the current FSS scheme. All varieties can be declared on the same form.

What happens if I use farm-saved seed of PFA Scheme varieties from certified seed that was purchased before introduction of the PFA Scheme?

Any seed of a PFA scheme variety purchased before signing a PFA may be used as farm-saved seed within the standard BSPB system for declaration and payment of potato FSS at the rate notified by the breeder.

How do I join the PFA Scheme?

To request an agreement please complete the form supplied below or contact us by email or phone with your details. We will then return a personalised agreement for your signature and issue you with the unique Grower Code that you will need to present when you purchase certified seed of PFA scheme varieties.

I have more questions

Please contact BSPB on 01353 653844 or email potatoes@bspb.co.uk.